

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 3700**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re application of: Bryan, et al.              | § | Docket No. 31132.72 / PC904.04 |
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| For: Human Spinal Disc Prosthesis with<br>Hinges | § | Conf. No. 7910                 |

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
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**I. Introductory Remarks**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office action mailed July 15, 2010.

No fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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**Remarks** begin on page 7.